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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended): A computer implemented method of sharing static data resources associated with a group among members of the group, the method comprising:

~~storing~~ storing, on a host system and for a group, a single copy of ~~a~~ member-only ~~static data resources~~ collection of contact information that is associated with and accessible to ~~a group in a host system;~~ members of the group, the collection of contact information including contact information for each member of the group;

limiting access to the single copy of the collection of contact information to members of the group;

~~sharing~~ enabling access to the single copy of ~~data resources with~~ the collection of contact information stored on the host system by a group member only when the member successfully ~~logins~~ logs into the host system and initiates access to the stored single copy of ~~data resource;~~ the collection of contact information;

storing information associated with more than one current member of the group in a database;

receiving instructions from at least one current member to invite at least one prospective member to join the group;

sending an invitation to the prospective member to join the group;

receiving a response from the prospective member;

adding the prospective member to the group as a new member based upon receipt of an affirmative response;

automatically updating group membership to account for the new member;

storing information associated with the new member in the database;

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updating the single copy of the collection of contact information stored on the host system to include contact information for the new member;

~~sharing~~ enabling access to the ~~member-only static data resources associated with the group among~~ single copy of the updated collection of contact information stored on the host system by the current members of the group and the new member based upon the updated group membership; and

~~sharing~~ enabling access to the stored information associated with the current members of the group and the new member based upon the updated group membership.

2. (Previously presented): The computer implemented method of claim 1 wherein sending the invitation comprises using an e-mail message.

3. (Original): The computer implemented method of claim 1 wherein sending the invitation comprises using an instant message.

4. (Original): The computer implemented method of claim 1 wherein sending the invitation comprises using an on-line chat room.

5. (Previously presented): The computer implemented method of claim 1 wherein receiving the response comprises receiving the response as an e-mail message.

6. (Previously presented): The computer implemented method of claim 1 wherein receiving the response comprises receiving the response as an instant message.

7. (Previously presented): The computer implemented method of claim 1 wherein receiving the response comprises receiving the response in an on-line chat room.

8. (Previously presented): The computer implemented method of claim 1, wherein automatically updating group membership to account for the new member comprises providing a list of current members that includes the new member.

9. (Currently amended): The computer implemented method of claim 1 ~~wherein automatically updating group membership to account for the new member comprises providing information in~~ wherein:

the single copy of the collection of contact information stored on the host system comprises a single copy of an electronic address book that is shared by the members of the group; and

updating the single copy of the collection of contact information stored on the host system to include contact information for the new member includes ~~address~~ updating the single copy of the electronic address book to include the contact information for the new member.

10. (Currently amended): The computer implemented method of claim 9 further comprising updating the electronic address book based upon information entered by the current members of the group.

11. (Currently amended): The computer implemented method of claim 1 ~~wherein sharing the member-only static data resources associated with the group with the current members of the group and the new member comprises~~ further comprising:

providing information in a shared group calendar that includes calendar information for the new ~~member.~~ member; and

limiting access to the shared group calendar to members of the group.

12. (Previously presented): The computer implemented method of claim 11 further comprising updating the shared group calendar based upon information entered by the current members of the group.

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13. (Previously presented): The computer implemented method of claim 11 further comprising inviting current group members to attend an event and automatically recording the event in the shared group calendar.

14. (Currently amended): The computer implemented method of claim 1 ~~wherein sharing the member-only static data resources associated with the group with the current members of the group and the new member comprises~~ further comprising:

providing an on-line forum for current members of the group to chat with other current members of the group including the new ~~member.~~ member; and

limiting access to the on-line forum to members of the group.

15. (Currently amended): The computer implemented method of claim 1 ~~wherein sharing the stored information associated with the current members of the group and the new member comprises~~ further comprising enabling current members of the group to send instant messages to other current members of the group including the new member.

16. (Currently amended): The computer implemented method of claim 1 ~~wherein associated with the group with the current members of the group and the new member comprises sharing~~ further comprising:

enabling access to data files ~~with~~ by current members of the group including the new ~~member.~~ member; and

limiting access to the data files to members of the group;

17. (Previously presented): The computer implemented method of claim 16 wherein the data files are provided by the current members of the group.

18. (Original): The computer implemented method of claim 16 wherein data files comprise digital images.

19. (Original): The computer implemented method of claim 16 wherein data files comprise photographs.

20. (Original): The computer implemented method of claim 16 wherein data files comprise text files.

21. (Original): The computer implemented method of claim 16 wherein data files comprise multi-media files.

22. (Previously presented): The computer implemented method of claim 1 further comprising offering new services to the current members of the group including the new member.

23. (Currently amended): The computer implemented method of claim 1 ~~wherein sharing the member-only static data resources associated with the group with the current members of the group and the new member comprises providing information in~~ wherein:

the single copy of the collection of contact information stored on the host system comprises a single copy of an instant messaging ~~buddy~~ contacts list that is shared by the ~~group that~~ members of the group; and

updating the single copy of the collection of contact information stored on the host system to include contact information for the new member includes updating the single copy of the instant messaging contacts list to include instant messaging contact information for the new member.

24-34. (Cancelled)

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35. (Currently amended): A computer program, stored on a <u>tangible</u> computer readable medium, comprising instructions for:

~~storing~~ <u>storing, on a host system and for a group,</u> a single copy of <u>a</u> member-only ~~static data resources~~ <u>collection of contact information that is</u> associated with and accessible to ~~a group in a host system;~~ <u>members of the group, the collection of contact information including contact information for each member of the group;</u>

<u>limiting access to the single copy of the collection of contact information to members of the group;</u>

~~sharing~~ <u>enabling</u> access to the single copy of ~~data resources with~~ <u>the collection of contact information stored on the host system</u> by a group member only when the member successfully ~~logins~~ <u>logs</u> into the host system and initiates access to the stored single copy of ~~data resource;~~ <u>the collection of contact information;</u>

storing information associated with more than one current member of the group in a database;

receiving instructions from at least one current member to invite at least one prospective member to join the group;

sending an invitation to the prospective member to join the group;

receiving a response from the prospective member;

adding the prospective member to the group as a new member based upon receipt of an affirmative response;

automatically updating group membership to account for the new member;

storing information associated with the new member in the database;

<u>updating the single copy of the collection of contact information stored on the host system to include contact information for the new member;</u>

~~sharing~~ <u>enabling</u> access to the ~~member-only static data resources associated with the group among~~ <u>single copy of the updated collection of contact information stored on the host</u>

system by the current members of the group and the new member based upon the updated group membership; and

~~sharing~~ enabling access to the stored information associated with the current members of the group and the new member based upon the updated group membership.

36. (Original): The computer program of claim 35 wherein the computer readable medium is a disc.

37. (Original): The computer program of claim 35 wherein the computer readable medium is a client device.

38. (Original): The computer program of claim 35 wherein the computer readable medium is a host device.

39. (Cancelled)

40. (Previously presented): The method of claim 1 in which the current members of the group comprise members of a family.

41. (Previously presented): The method of claim 1 in which the prospective member comprises a relative of a current member of the group.

42. (Previously presented): The method of claim 1 in which storing information about all members of a group comprises storing information about all members of a private group.

43. (Previously presented): The method of claim 1 in which storing information about all members of a group comprises storing information about all members of a public group.

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44. (Previously presented): The method of claim 1 wherein the invitation comprises a personalized message to the prospective member.

45. (Previously presented): The method of claim 1 further comprising authorizing an invitation to be sent to the prospective member.

46. (Previously presented): The method of claim 45 in which the authorizing is performed by a group founder.

47. (Previously presented): The method of claim 45 in which the authorizing is performed by a group owner.

48. (Previously presented): The method of claim 1 further comprising deleting a current member.

49. (Previously presented): The method of claim 48 in which the deleting is performed by a group founder.

50. (Previously presented): The method of claim 48 in which the deleting is performed by a group owner.

51. (Previously presented): The method of claim 1 further comprising promoting a current member to a group owner.

52. (Currently amended): The method of claim 1 further comprising ~~denoting~~ demoting a group owner to a current member.

53. (Previously presented): The method of claim 1 further comprising promoting a group owner to a founder.

54. (Previously presented): The method of claim 1 further comprising providing a notification of the response to one or more current members.

55. (Previously presented): The method of claim 1 further comprising treating the new member as a current member.

56. (Currently amended): The computer implemented method of claim 1 ~~wherein sharing the member-only static data resources associated with the group with the current members of the group and the new member comprises~~ further comprising:

~~sharing~~ enabling access to a member-only private group ~~website.~~ website by members of the group; and

limiting access to the member-only private group website to members of the group.

57. (Currently amended): The computer implemented method of claim 1 ~~wherein sharing the member-only static data resources associated with the group with the current members of the group and the new member comprises~~ further comprising:

~~sharing~~ enabling access to a ~~map.~~ shared map by members of the group, the shared map including an indication of a location of at least one member of the group; and

limiting access to the shared map to members of the group.

58. (Currently amended): The computer implemented method of claim [[1]] 23 ~~wherein~~ wherein:

the host system includes an instant messaging system;

enabling access to the single copy of the collection of contact information stored on the host system with a group member only when the member successfully logs into the host system

and initiates access to the stored single copy of <u>the collection of contact information includes</u>
<u>displaying an instant messaging graphical user interface to the group member that includes the</u>
<u>instant messaging contacts list and a personal instant messaging contacts list of the group</u>
<u>member that includes instant messaging contact information for additional instant messaging</u>
<u>contacts of the group member; and</u>

~~sharing~~ <u>enabling</u> access to the ~~member only static data resources associated with the~~
~~group with~~ single copy of the updated collection of contact information stored on the host system
by the current members of the group and the new member ~~comprises sharing buddy list~~
~~information.~~ <u>includes updating the instant messaging graphical user interface displayed to the</u>
<u>group member such that the instant messaging contacts list includes the instant messaging</u>
<u>contact information for the new member.</u>

59. (Cancelled)

60. (Currently amended): The computer implemented method of claim 1 wherein ~~sharing~~
<u>enabling</u> access to the single copy of ~~data resources with a group member~~ <u>the collection of</u>
<u>contact information stored on the host system by a group member</u> only when the member
successfully ~~logins~~ <u>logs</u> into the host system and initiates access to the stored single copy of ~~data~~
~~resource~~ <u>the collection of contact information</u> comprises enabling multiple members to
concurrently access the single copy of ~~data resources.~~ <u>the collection of contact information stored</u>
<u>on the host system.</u>

61. (New): The computer implemented method of claim 1 further comprising:

enabling access to a member-only collection of links to favorite web sites by members of
the group, the collection of links to favorite web sites including links to favorite web sites that
have been contributed by members of the group; and

limiting access to the member-only collection of links to favorite web sites to members of
the group.

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62. (New): A method comprising:

maintaining, for an instant messaging identity, a passively dynamic group of instant messaging participants that has a membership that includes at least one instant messaging participant not explicitly selected for inclusion in the passively dynamic group by the instant messaging identity;

causing a display, to the instant messaging identity, of an instant messaging participant list that is configured to reflect online presence information for other instant messaging identities included in the instant messaging participant list and that is configured to enable the instant messaging identity to initiate instant messaging sessions with the other instant messaging identities included in the instant messaging participant list by selecting the other instant messaging identities from the instant messaging participant list, the displayed instant messaging participant list including a representation of the passively dynamic group of instant messaging participants that reflects the membership of the passively dynamic group of instant messaging participants;

determining that a change, which was not inspired by the instant messaging identity, in the membership of the passively dynamic group of instant messaging participants has occurred; and

automatically triggering, without involvement from the instant messaging identity, an updating of the displayed instant messaging participant list to reflect the change in the membership of the passively dynamic group of instant messaging participants.

63. (New): The method of claim 62 wherein:

determining that a change in the membership of the passively dynamic group of instant messaging participants has occurred includes determining that a new member has been added to the passively dynamic group of instant messaging participants; and

automatically triggering the updating of the displayed instant messaging participant list to reflect the change in membership of the passively dynamic group of instant messaging

participants includes automatically adding a representation of the new member to the displayed representation of the dynamic group of instant messaging participants on the displayed instant messaging participant list for the instant messaging identity.

64. (New): The method of claim 62 wherein:

determining that a change in membership of the passively dynamic group of instant messaging participants has occurred includes determining that an old member has been removed from the dynamic group of instant messaging participants; and

automatically triggering the updating of the displayed instant messaging participant list to reflect the change in membership of the passively dynamic group of instant messaging participants includes automatically deleting a displayed representation of the old member from the representation of the dynamic group of instant messaging participants on the displayed instant messaging participant list.